

§ 0.39b Confidentiality of information.

Whenever any employee of or applicant to the Department provides information pursuant to § 0.39a(a) or (b), the Counsel and the internal inspection unit shall maintain the confidentiality of the employee or applicant unless the employee or applicant consents to the release of his or her identity or the Counsel determines that the disclosure of the identity is necessary to resolve the allegation.

§ 0.39c Stays of certain personnel actions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(a) The Counsel may, with respect to employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, request the Attorney General to stay any personnel action for any period which the Attorney General considers appropriate if the Counsel determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the personnel action was taken, or is to be taken, as a reprisal for a disclosure of information by the employee to the Attorney General (or the Department official designated by the Attorney General for such purpose) which the employee reasonably believes evidences:

- (1) A violation of any law, rule or regulation; or
- (2) Mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, abuse of authority or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

(b) The Attorney General, when requested to stay a personnel action under paragraph (a) of this section, may stay such action when the Attorney General determines that under the facts and circumstances involved such stay would be appropriate.

§ 0.39d Relationship to other departmental units.

(a) Primary responsibility for assuring the maintenance of the highest standards of professional responsibility by Department employees shall continue to rest with the heads of the offices, divisions, bureaus and boards of the Department.

(b) Primary responsibility for investigating an allegation of unprofessional conduct that is lodged against an employee of the Department normally shall continue to rest with the head of

the office, division, bureau, or board to which the employee is assigned, or with the head of its internal inspection unit, or, if the conduct appears to constitute a violation of law, with the head of the agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter involved.

(c) The heads of the offices, divisions, bureaus, and boards shall provide information and assistance requested by the Counsel in connection with reviews or investigations conducted by the Counsel or by any other person assigned to conduct reviews or investigations and shall keep the Counsel informed of major investigations that they are conducting.

(d) Employees of the Department may be assigned to the Office of Professional Responsibility on a case-by-case basis to conduct such inquiries as may be warranted. However, no investigative personnel shall be assigned except under the specific direction of the Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General and, in normal course, with the agreement of the head of the unit to which the investigative personnel are regularly assigned. Personnel assigned to the Office shall work under the direction of the Counsel.

§ 0.39e Committee on Professional Responsibility.

The Committee on Professional Responsibility shall consist of Department officials designated by the Attorney General and shall serve as an advisory body to the counsel.

Subpart H—Antitrust Division**§ 0.40 General functions.**

The following functions are assigned to and shall be conducted, handled, or supervised by, the Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division:

(a) General enforcement, by criminal and civil proceedings, of the Federal antitrust laws and other laws relating to the protection of competition and the prohibition of restraints of trade and monopolization, including conduct of surveys of possible violations of antitrust laws, conduct of grand jury proceedings, issuance and enforcement of civil investigative demands, civil actions to obtain orders and injunctions, civil actions to recover forfeitures or